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COMPUTATIONS**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 13, 2005, please reconsider this application in view of the following.